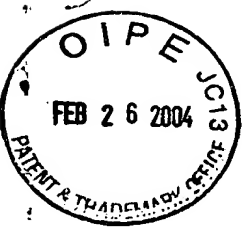


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Honorable Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the period of time in which to file an appeal brief for the above-identified application be extended three (3) months, up to and including February 26, 2004, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

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